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INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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SUBJECT: SAHARA: BOUMEDIENE'S NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT SPEECH

1. IN HIS AUGUST 16 SPEECH BEFORE NON-ALIGNED
SUMMIT, BOUMEDIENE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ON SAHARA QUESTION:

A. COURSE OF DECOLONIZATION OF SAHARA "PARTICULARLY
EDIFYING" IN LIGHT OF NEW IMPERIALIST STRATEGIES AT REGAINING
LOST GROUND.

B. "ARBITRARY TRANSFER OF POWER BY ADMINISTERING POWER"
HAS CAUSED DECOLONIZATION PROCESS TO DETERIORATE INTO DANGEROUS
SITUATION IN REGION. SITUATION CHARACTERIZED BY EXODUS
OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SAHRAOUI.

C. SAHARA PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SETTLED BY FREE EXPRESSION
OF WILL OF SAHRAOUI PEOPLE. THOSE PERSISTING IN POLICY OF
FORCE AND FAIT ACCOMPLI, AND SEEKING TO GIVE CREDIT TO
NOTION OF CONFLICT BETWEEN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, CAN ONLY
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INTRODUCE CONFUSION AND INCOMPREHENSION IN REGION.

D. ALGERIA SEEKS ONLY TO GIVE SAHRAOUI SAME RIGHTS AS OTHER COLONIAL PEOPLES HAVE RECEIVED. THIS ATTITUDE NOT INSPIRED BY FEELING OF HOSTILITY TOWARD BROTHERS AND NEIGHBORS OR BY DESIGNS ON TERRITORY OR RESOURCES.

E. BASIS FOR SOLUTION IS SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS BASIS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL BODIES AND THROUGH LONG CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. ADMINISTERING POWER COMMITTED TO ASSUMING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS SAHRAOUI PEOPLE.

2. FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL DAYS, AUGUST 17 PRESS SILENT ON WHAT, IF ANY, MANEUVERS ON SAHARA QUESTION MAY BE GOING ON IN COLOMBO.

3. COMMENT: BOUMEDIENE'S REMARKS ON SAHARA STRIKE US AS QUITE MILD. MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO NOT MENTIONED BY NAME, AND SUBJECTS OF GENOCIDE AND OCCUPYING FORCES ALSO NOT RAISED. SPEECH CERTAINLY NOT CONCILIATORY TOWARD RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT, BUT IT SEEMS VAGUE ENOUGH POSSIBLY TO PERMIT PAPERING OVER OF SAHARA DISPUTE AT COLOMBO.

4. FROM TV COVERAGE OF BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH, IT APPEARS THAT OULD DADDAH DID NOT WALK OUT DURING REMARKS ON SAHARA. WE COULD NOT TELL WHETHER LARAKI REMAINED IN HALL OR NOT. PARKER

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